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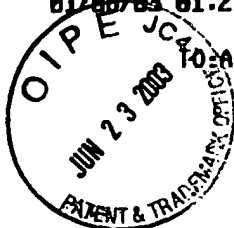
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1. An apparatus for securing sheathing and structural members of a building comprising:
  - a. a generally flat rectangular face;
  - b. generally right angled bends on each short end of said rectangular face;
  - c. said right angled bends forming rafter tabs;
  - d. one long end of said rectangular face extended in the same plane as said face, forming an extension.
2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said rectangular face having a predetermined length as a means for accurately spacing apart adjacent rafters and roof trusses on new construction.
3. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said rectangular face having a predetermined length as a means for covering the space between adjacent rafters and roof trusses on existing buildings.
4. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said rectangular face having a predetermined width as a means for covering the space between a top plate and a roof on a building.
5. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said rectangular face having ventilation ribs as a means for ventilation and stiffening, over open spaces.
6. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said rafter tabs having generally right angled bends bending said rafter tabs toward the front face, as a means for easy attachment from the exterior of a building.
7. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said rafter tabs having a generally flat shape and a plurality of nail holes as a means for attachment to the wide side of adjacent rafters and roof trusses.
8. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said rafter tabs having a predetermined area and generally rounded edges as a means for easy installation from the front, on rafters and roof trusses having variable roof pitches.

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1. Response to claim rejections - 35 USC § 112.
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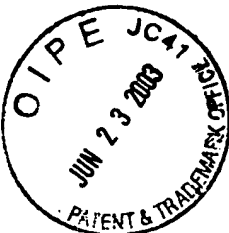
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